

**Amendment to the Abstract:\**

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

A ceramic filter (1) [[,]] comprising a porous body (2) and filtration membranes (5), wherein the cross section shapes of ~~a plurality of plural~~ main flow passages (3) provided in a direction perpendicular to the flow direction of fluid to be purified or purified fluid are aligned in rows ~~with a specified pattern and the~~. The cross section shape of a ~~the~~ specific partition wall part ~~portion~~ (18) is formed in ~~the direction perpendicular to the~~ flow direction of the fluid ~~to be purified or the purified fluid is so formed so~~ as to be encompassed by a shape defined by two parallel lines apart at a specified distance from each other. The cross section shape of a first specific main flow (3a) ~~in the direction perpendicular to the~~ fluid flow direction ~~of the fluid to be purified or the purified fluid~~ is formed in a polygon of a heptagon or more arranged in a specified state. The angles  $\theta_1$ ,  $\theta_2$ ,  $\theta_3$ , and  $\theta_4$  are within the range of 110 to 160°, and the symbols A and B satisfy the ~~requirement of~~ relation  $0.3B \leq A \leq 0.7B$ . ~~Thus, a yield can be increased without causing a defect such as a crack in the filtration membranes.~~